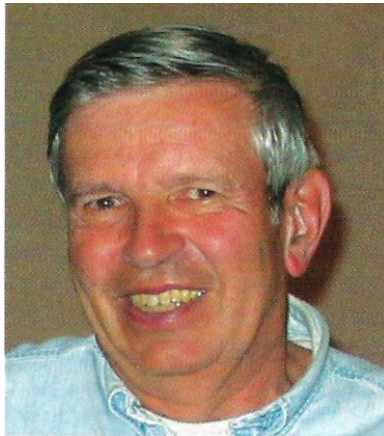




Keith Stuart Koch of Montrose, Colorado, died on September 2, 2012, at age 69 from brain cancer. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie, sons Kurt, Craig and Kevin;, two granddaughters and a brother.

He was born in St. Paul, Minnesota. He graduated from Hamline University with a BA in Political Science and Education and St. Cloud State University with a MS in Secondary Administration.

Keith taught middle school and high school English, geography, American History, and political science from 1966 to his retirement in 1999 during which time he served as Department Chair, president of the 700 member Mounds View Education Association, on the IMPACE Board of Directors (the political action committee of the Minnesota Education Association) and as a Delegate to both the Minnesota Education Association and National Association conventions.

His interest in government and leadership skills led him into community endeavors including the Jaycees, delegate to the Minnesota State Democratic Conventions, and campaign manager for a candidate running for the Minnesota House of Representatives. In retirement, he served for Habitat for Humanity and served on various committees in his church.

Keith was an avid Model Railroader, earn a Master Model Railroader Certificate from the NMRA, MMR 228 effective February 1, 1995. He had eight certificates: Master Builder: motive power, cars, Structures, and Scenery; Model Railroad Civil and Electrical; Association Volunteer; and Model Railroad Author.

He taught many modeling classes at national conventions and had his home layout featured in national modeling magazines.

Keith combined his love of history and interest in railroads, becoming a lifetime member of the Ridgeway Railroad Museum—participating in restoration, conducting tours, serving as the editor of the newsletter, and co-authoring with other members on books on railroads in southwestern Colorado.

His family and myriad of friends will miss Keith's quick smile and ever-present humor.